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(54) **SHELTER ASSEMBLY**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A collapsible shelter is provided herein. The collapsible shelter may include a frame. A cover is disposed over the frame and defines a window. First and second flaps are each operably coupled with the cover and configured to extend over separate portions of the window. A retaining device has a first portion disposed on the first flap and a second portion disposed on the second flap. The first and second portions are configured to engage one another. An elongated member is disposed within the first and second flaps and is configured to retain the first and second flaps in a non-linear position.

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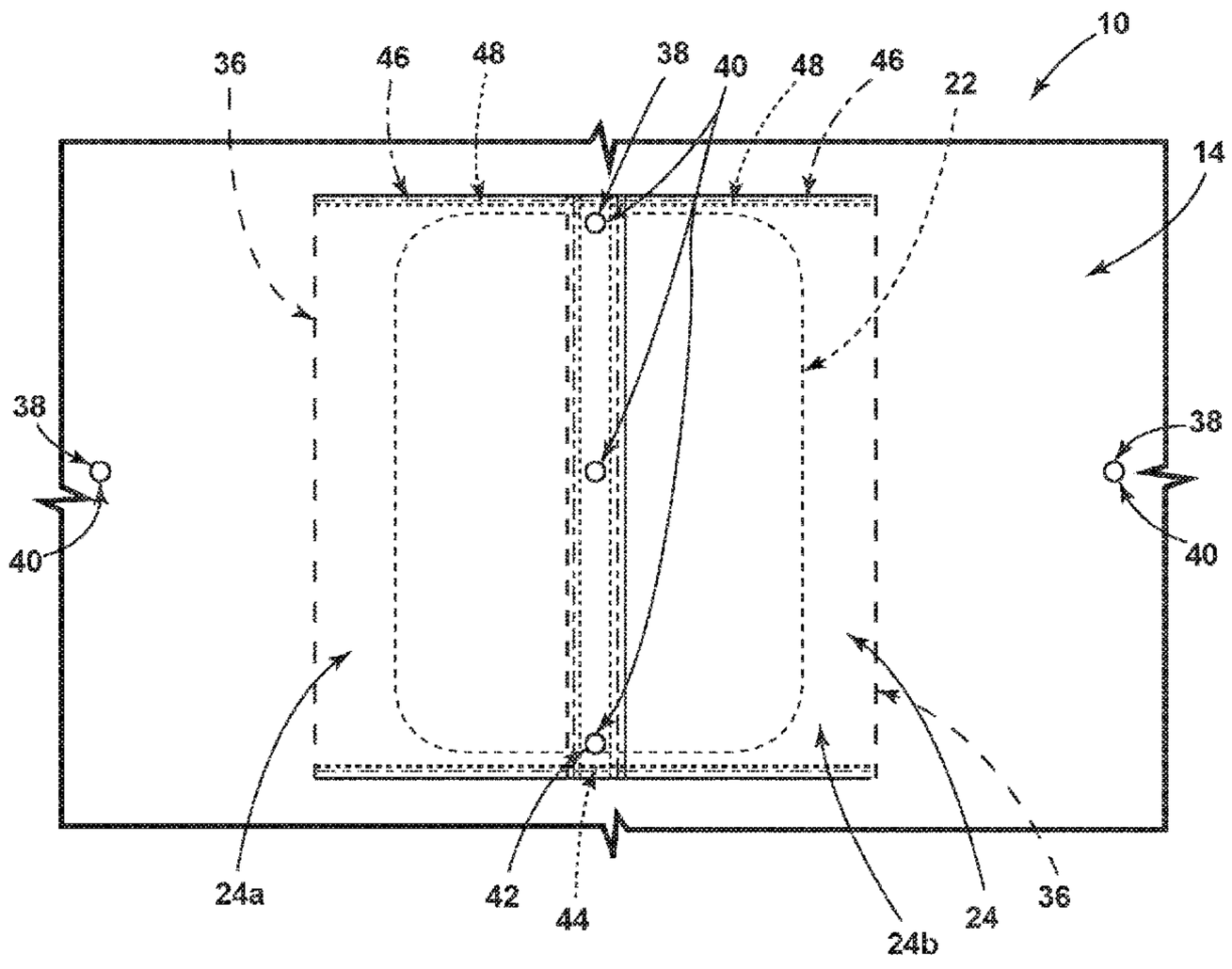

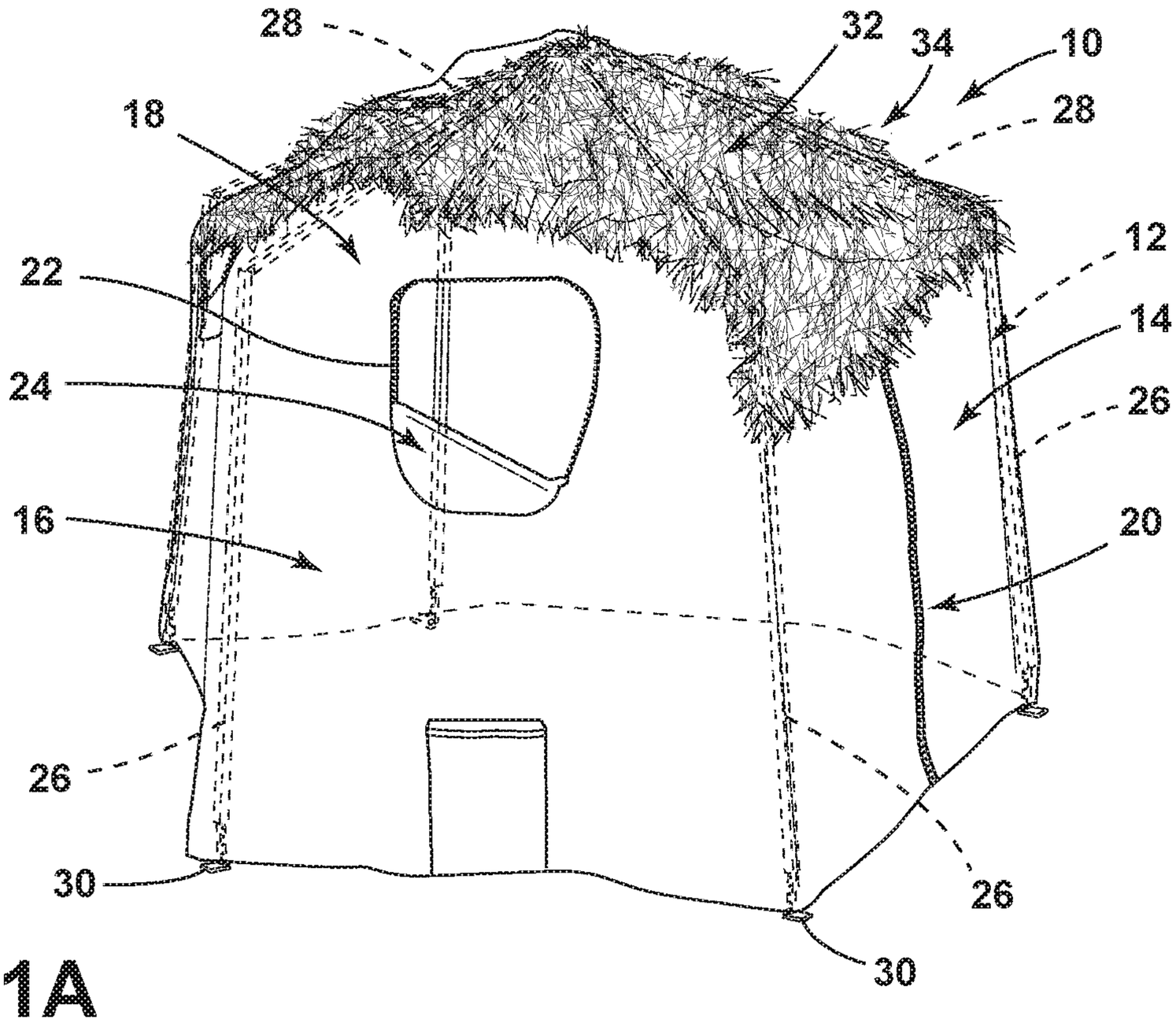
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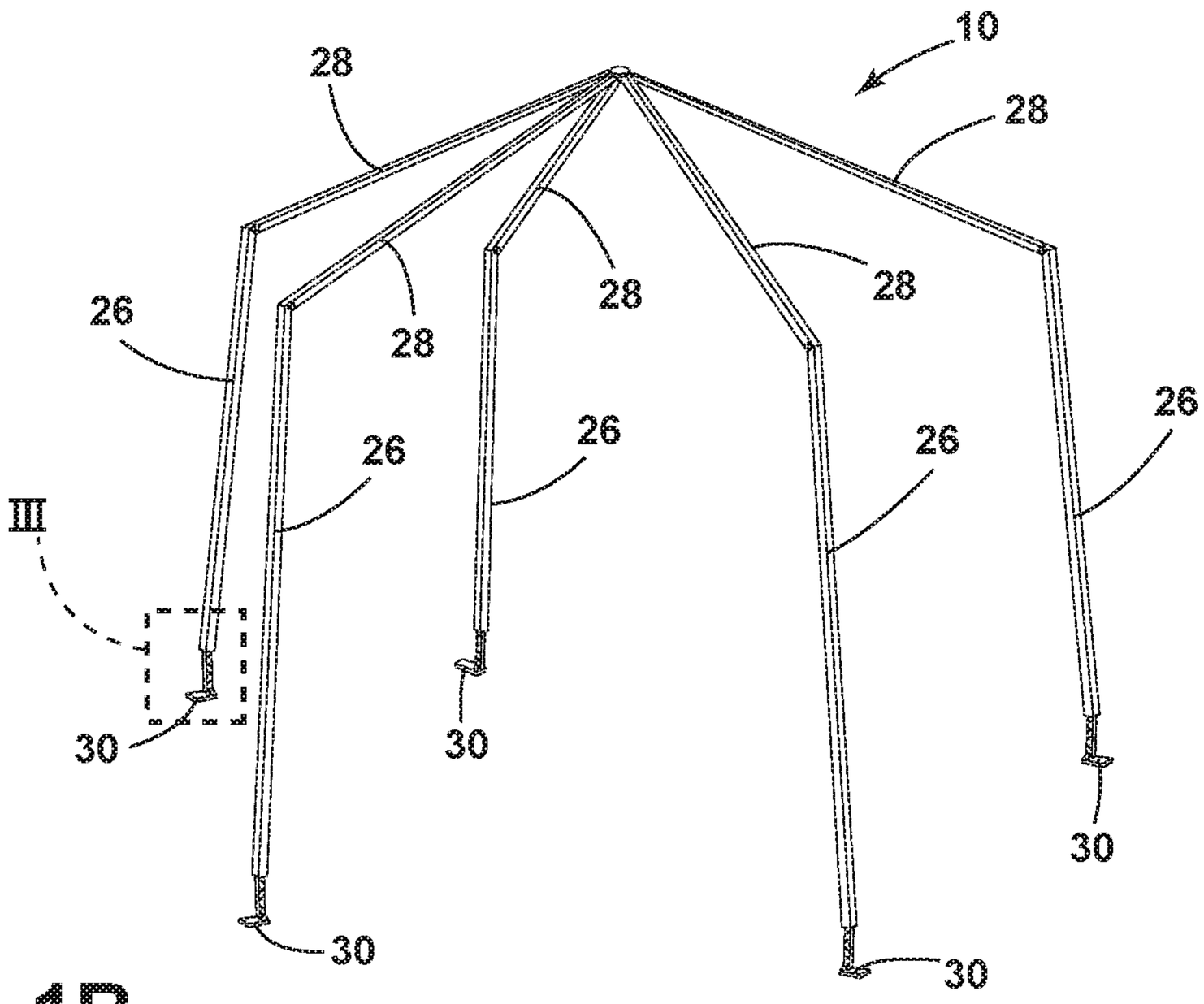
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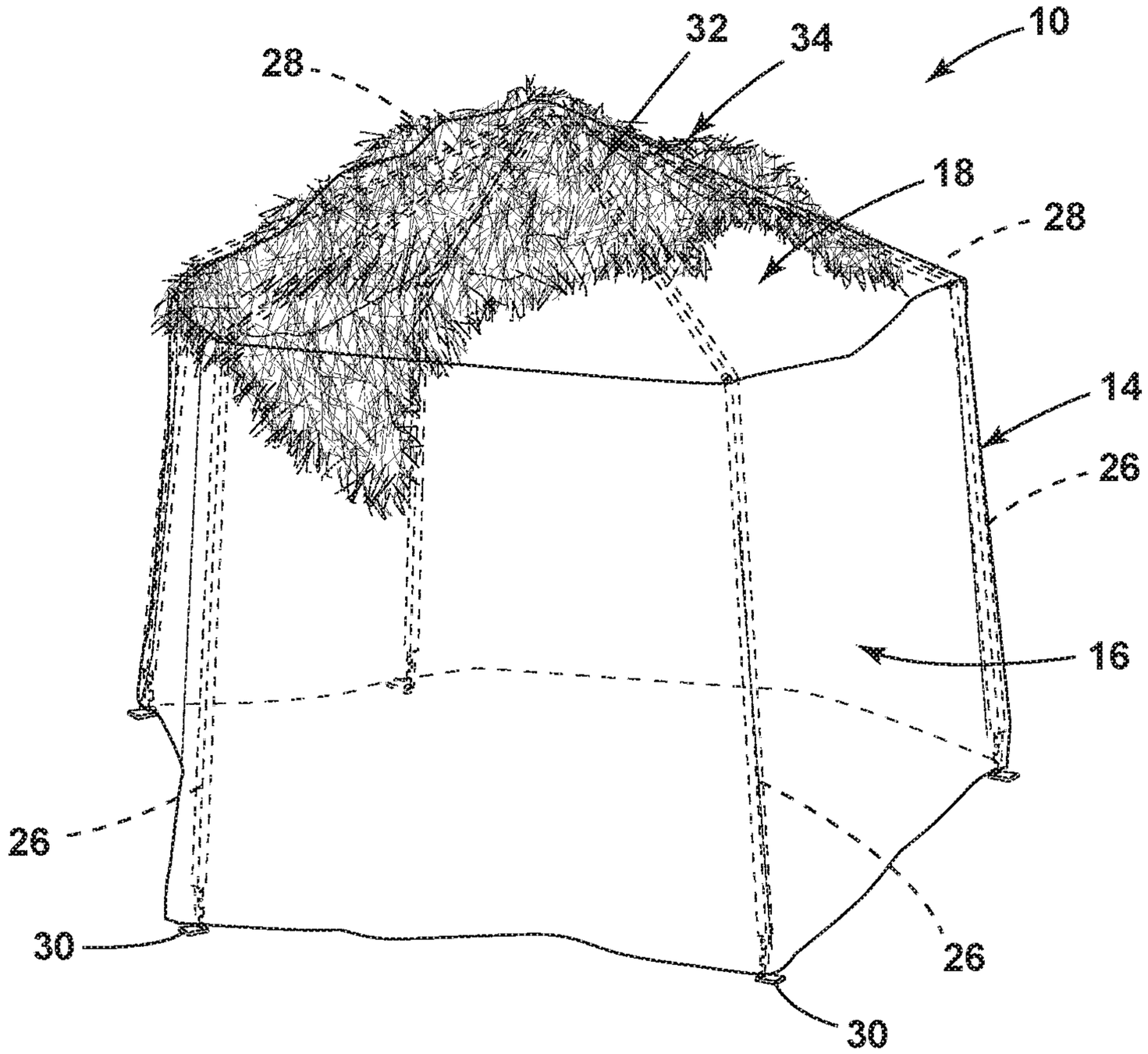

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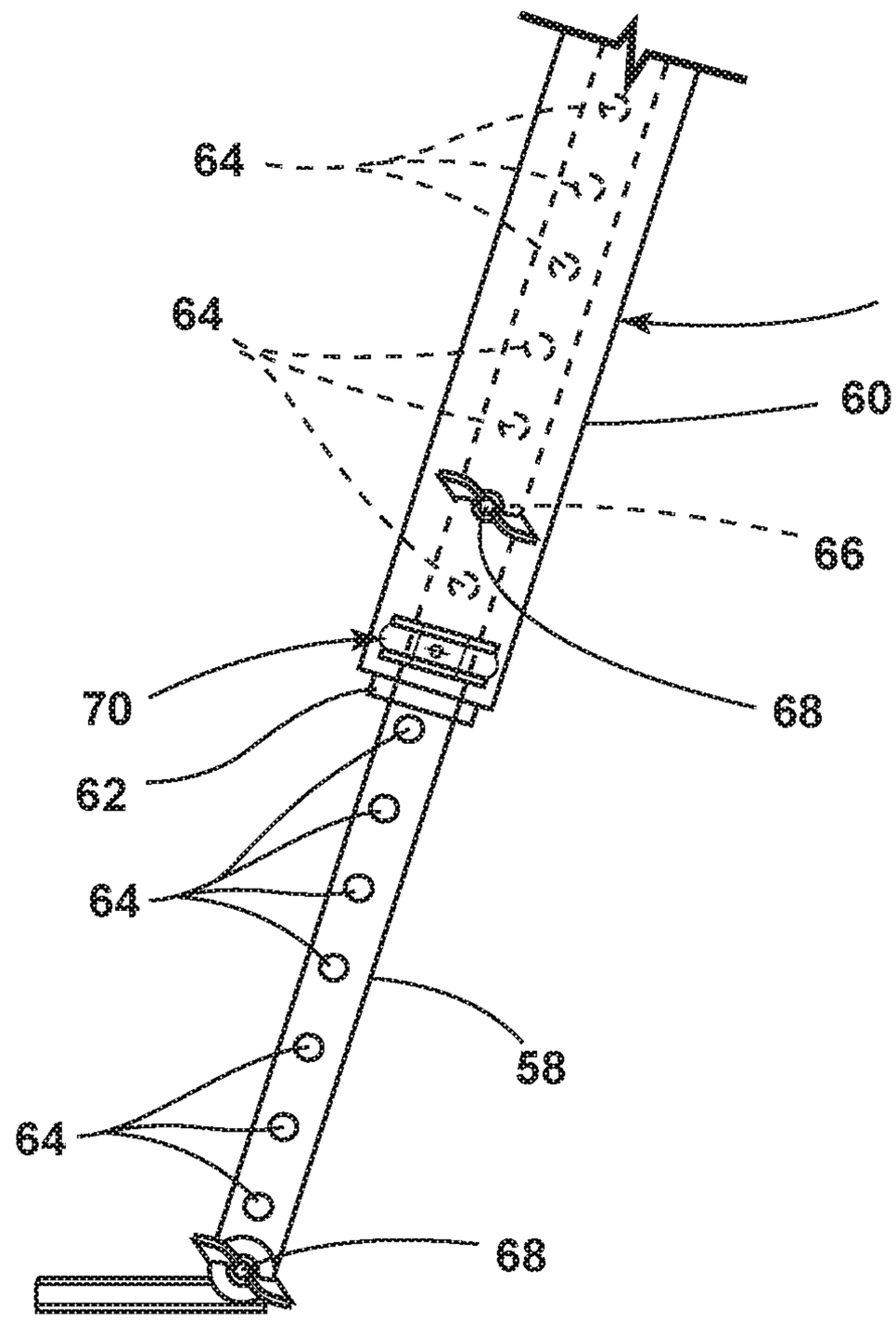

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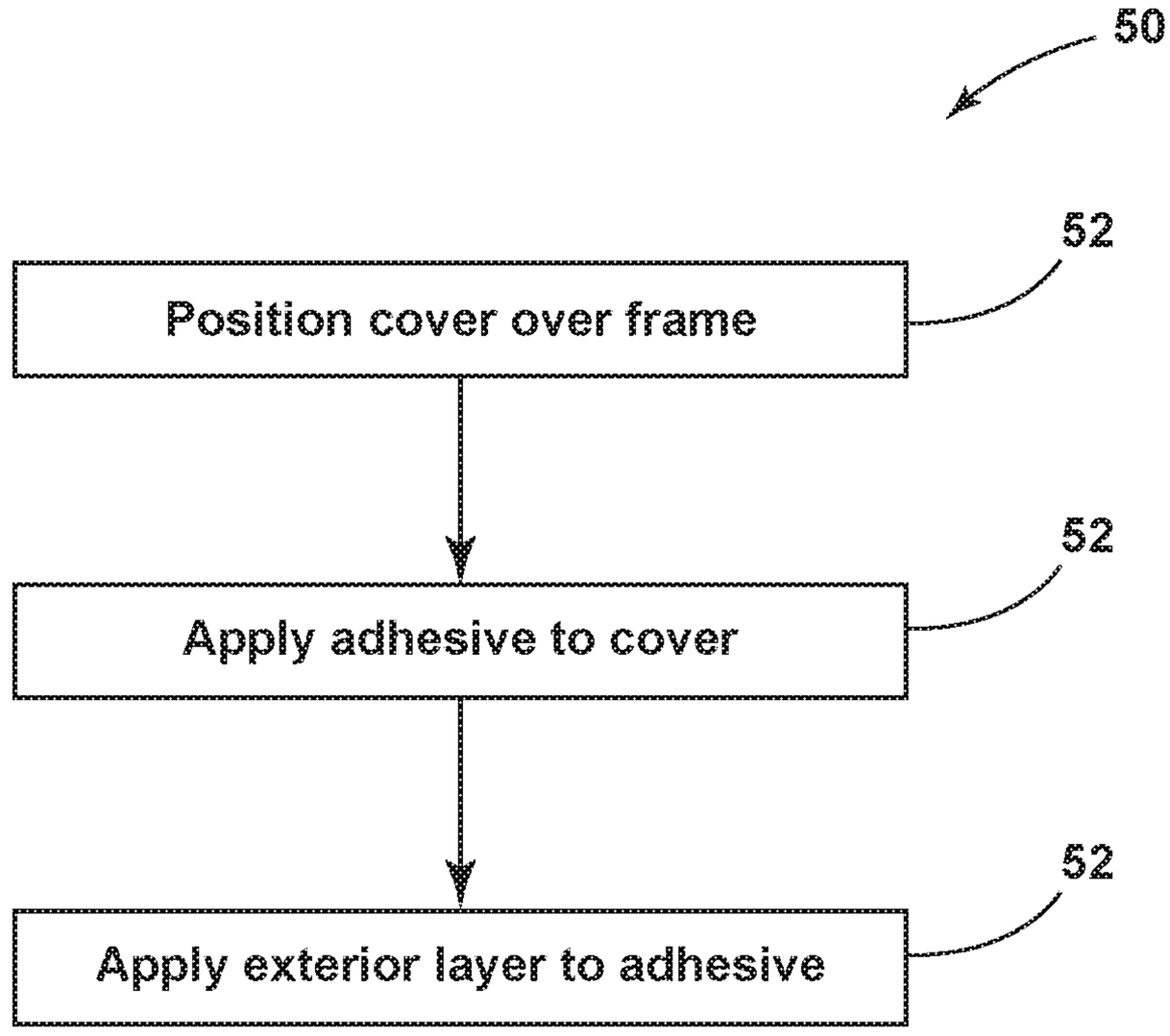
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Position cover over frame
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Apply adhesive to cover
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Apply exterior layer to adhesive
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FIG. 4

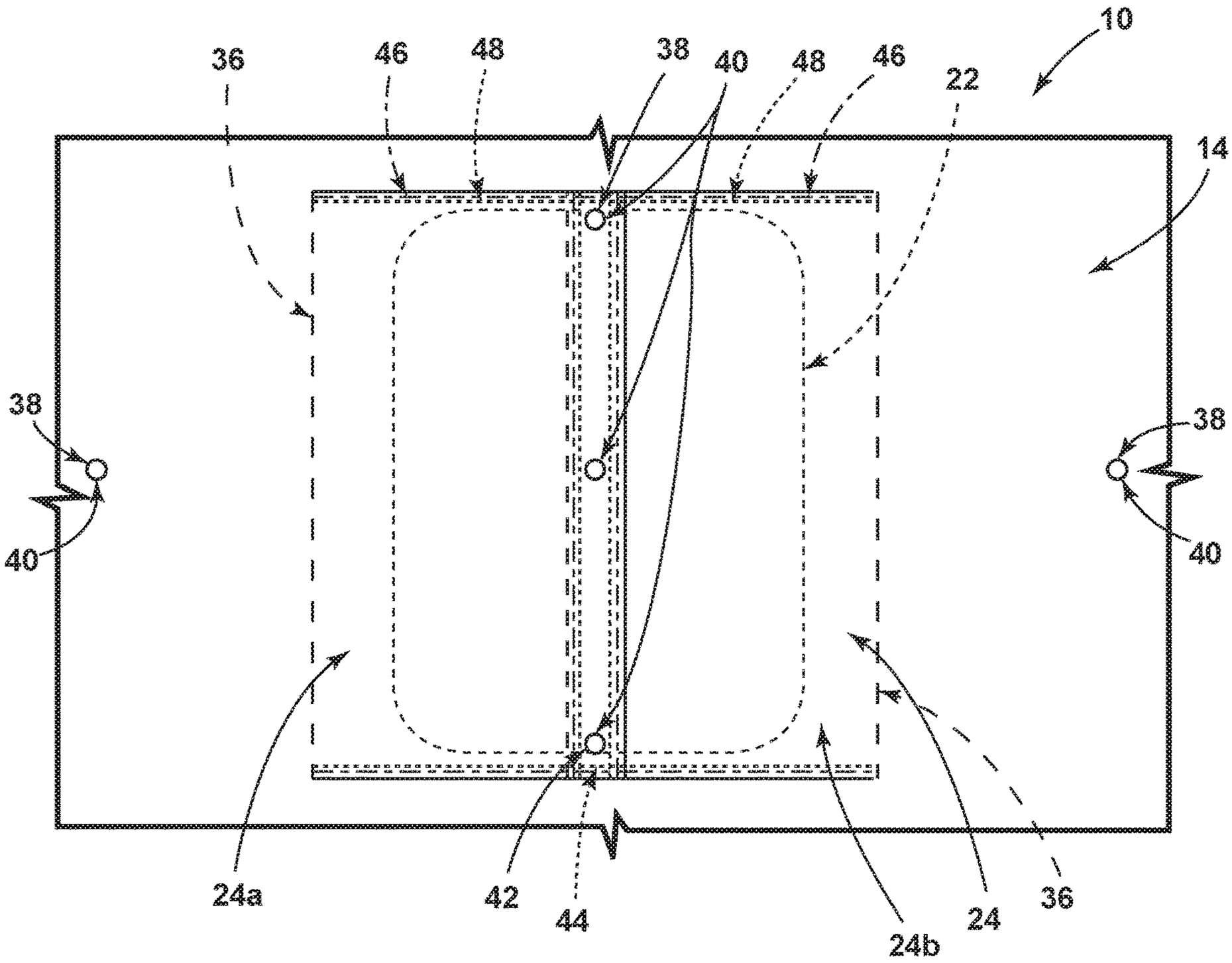

FIG. 5

SHELTER ASSEMBLY

FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present disclosure generally relates to a shelter or blind.

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE

Shelters and/or blinds can provide hunters or campers with temporary shelter and protection from the elements and generally include a structural component and an enclosure supported by the structural component. In some instances, it may be desired to have a better shelter for accommodating various activities while utilizing the shelter or blind.

SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to some examples of the present disclosure, a collapsible shelter is provided herein. The shelter includes a frame. A cover is disposed over the frame and defines a window. First and second flaps are each operably coupled with the cover and are configured to extend over separate portions of the window. A retaining device has a first portion disposed on the first flap and a second portion disposed on the second flap. The first and second portions are configured to engage one another. An elongated member is disposed within the first and second flaps and is configured to retain the first and second flaps in a non-linear position.

According to some examples of the present disclosure, a collapsible shelter is provided herein. The shelter includes a cover disposed over a frame. The cover defines a window. A first flap is operably coupled with the cover through a fastening assembly. A retaining device is configured to maintain the first flap in respective open and closed positions. A bendable, elongated member is disposed within the first flap and is configured to retain the first flap in a substantially defined position.

According to some examples of the present disclosure, a shelter is provided herein. The shelter includes a cover disposed over a frame. The cover defines a window. First and second flaps are operably coupled with the cover through a fastening assembly. A bendable, elongated member is disposed within the first and second flaps and is configured to retain the first and second flaps in a substantially defined position.

These and other aspects, objects, and features of the present invention will be understood and appreciated by those skilled in the art upon studying the following specification, claims, and appended drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the drawings:

FIG. **1**A is a front perspective view of a shelter having a cover disposed over a frame and a window defined by the cover, according to some examples;

FIG. **1**B is a front perspective view of the frame of the shelter, according to some examples;

FIG. **2** is a rear perspective view of the shelter having an exterior layer positioned on the cover, according to some examples;

FIG. **3** is an enhanced view of area III of FIG. **1**B, according to some examples;

FIG. **4** is a method of applying the exterior layer to the cover, according to some examples; and

FIG. **5** is a perspective view of an interior surface of the window defined by the cover and a pair of flaps disposed over the window, according to some examples.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

For purposes of description herein, the terms "upper," "lower," "right," "left," "rear," "front," "vertical," "horizontal," and derivatives thereof shall relate to the example of FIG. **1**A. However, it is to be understood that the assembly provided herein may assume various alternative orientations, except where expressly specified to the contrary. It is also to be understood that the specific devices and processes illustrated in the attached drawings, and described in the following specification are simply exemplary examples of the inventive concepts defined in the appended claims. Hence, specific dimensions and other physical characteristics relating to the examples disclosed herein are not to be considered as limiting, unless the claims expressly state otherwise.

As required, examples of the present invention are disclosed herein. However, it is to be understood that the disclosed examples are merely exemplary of the invention that may be embodied in various and alternative forms. The figures are not necessarily to a detailed design and some schematics may be exaggerated or minimized to show function overview. Therefore, specific structural and functional details disclosed herein are not to be interpreted as limiting, but merely as a representative basis for teaching one skilled in the art to variously employ the present invention.

In this document, relational terms, such as first and second, top and bottom, and the like, are used solely to distinguish one entity or action from another entity or action, without necessarily requiring or implying any actual such relationship or order between such entities or actions. The terms "comprises," "comprising," or any other variation thereof, are intended to cover a non-exclusive inclusion, such that a process, method, article, or apparatus that comprises a list of elements does not include only those elements but may include other elements not expressly listed or inherent to such process, method, article, or apparatus. An element preceded by "comprises . . . a" does not, without more constraints, preclude the existence of additional identical elements in the process, method, article, or apparatus that comprises the element.

As used herein, the term "and/or," when used in a list of two or more items, means that any one of the listed items can be employed by itself, or any combination of two or more of the listed items can be employed. For example, if a composition or assembly is described as containing components A, B, and/or C, the composition or assembly can contain A alone; B alone; C alone; A and B in combination; A and C in combination; B and C in combination; or A, B, and C in combination.

The following disclosure describes a collapsible shelter. The collapsible shelter may include a frame. A cover is disposed over the frame and can define a window. First and second flaps can be operably coupled with the cover and configured to extend over separate portions of the window. A retaining device may have a first portion disposed on the first flap and a second portion disposed on the second flap. The first and second portions may be configured to engage one another. An elongated member can be disposed within the first and second flaps and can be configured to retain the first and second flaps in a non-linear position.

Referring to FIGS. **1A-3**, a shelter **10**, according to some examples, generally includes a collapsible frame **12** and a flexible cover **14**. The shelter **10** may be collapsible from an expanded or extended position that defines an interior space for a user to reside (see FIG. **1A**), to a collapsed or retracted position to provide ease of transport of the shelter **10**.

The frame **12** may include one or more generally vertically oriented legs **26** and one or more cross beams **28** that interconnect the legs **26**. In some examples, one of which is illustrated in FIG. **3**, a length of each leg **26** may be independently adjustable such that the frame **12** sets level on various terrains. In some examples, each leg **26** may include a lower support **58** and an upper support **60**. A collar **62** may be positioned at the bottom end portion of the upper support **60** and configured to retain the lower support **58** in a predefined orientation relative to the upper support **60**. The lower support **58** may have a cross section that is smaller than the upper support **60** such that a portion of the lower support **58** may be slidably engaged with the upper support **60**. The lower support **58** may also define a plurality of apertures **64** disposed there along at predefined distances. The upper support **60** may include an engagement void **66** that can align with one or more of the apertures **64** as the lower support **58** is slid within the upper support **60**. Once set at a desired height, a locking pin **68** may be inserted through the void and at least one of the plurality of apertures **64** thereby locking the leg **26** at a desired length.

In some instances, a leveling indicator **70**, such as a leveling bubble, can be built into the frame **12** components to further aid in leveling the shelter **10** on sloping terrain. The leveling indicator **70** may be formed from a tube having a liquid therein. The tube may include a pair of indicators. When the leveling bubble is disposed between the pair of indicators, the leg **26** may be generally level relative to a direction that is perpendicular to the tube. In some examples, any other type of leveling indicator may be used in conjunction with or instead of the leveling bubbles.

The frame **12**, or various components thereof, may be formed from a polymeric material, a metallic material, and/or any other practicable material. Moreover, although FIGS. **1A-2** depict examples in which five legs **26** are employed, it will be appreciated that other examples may employ any sized polygonal frame **12**.

With continuing reference to FIGS. **1A-3**, feet **30** may extend from each respective leg **26** in an offset direction from each leg **26** to further stabilize the frame **12** in the expanded position. A hinge mechanism may be on the bottom of the adjustable height leg **26** that allows the foot **30** to be pivoted through a wide range of angles. Furthermore, the movable foot **30** may be sufficiently wide so to provide stability in soggy ground, and can be equipped with a high-traction surface, such as a rubber tread, for improved traction on sloping surfaces.

In various examples, the cover **14** may generally define side walls **16** of the shelter **10**. The cover **14** may include one or more roof panel(s) **18** defining a roof of the shelter **10**. The cover **14** may further define a floor (not shown) of the shelter **10**, or the shelter **10** may further include a flexible floor member (not shown) attached to or integral with the cover **14**. Access to and from the interior of the shelter **10** is provided through a door **20** disposed on the cover **14** and/or defined by the cover **14** alone or in cooperation with other structures disposed on the cover **14**. For example, a portion of the cover **14** defining one of the side walls **16** may comprise a slit extending from the bottom of the cover **14** to a point approximate the adjacent roof panel **18**; a zipper or another suitable fastening assembly may be disposed across the slit and may be operable to open and close the door. As seen in FIG. **1A**, the side walls **16** can define one or more windows **22**, which may include see-through mesh panels, for visibility and ventilation. The location(s) of the windows **22** in the cover **14** can vary, and example locations are shown in FIGS. **1A-3**. For example, in the embodiment of FIG. **2**, the window **22** is arranged in a generally upper central portion of a side walls **16** of the cover **14**. It will be recognized that other window **22** locations and configurations are also within the scope of the present disclosure. Flaps **24** can be closed to cover **14** and/or conceal portions of the windows **22**. In various configurations, a window **22** can have one corresponding flap **24** or multiple corresponding flaps **24** for covering the window **22**; and, a flap **24** can correspond to (i.e., cover all or a portion of) a single window **22** or multiple adjacent windows **22**.

The cover **14** may be formed from any practicable material including a fabric (e.g., nylon, canvas, etc.), an elastomeric material, a polymeric material, and/or the like that provide, for example, flexibility, elasticity, wear resistance, strength, durability and other desired properties. Patterns such as a camouflage pattern that simulates the appearance of at least some of the local environment may be provided on the cover **14**. Wildlife may be startled by foreign objects, such as shelters **10**, which have not traditionally been present in a given location where wildlife animals are used to frequenting (e.g., a water hole or a game trail). Camouflaging the shelter **10** may, however, reduce the "unnatural" appearance of the shelter **10** and reduce its startle effect on wildlife animals.

With further reference to FIGS. **1A-2**, in some examples, an exterior layer **32** can be disposed on the cover **14**. The exterior layer **32** can be printed with a desired pattern or design that is the same as or different from the cover **14**. The exterior layer **32** can be employed to alter the appearance of the shelter **10** based on environmental conditions, e.g. an exterior layer **32** printed with a camouflage pattern appropriate for a grassy field or a desert terrain can be applied when hunting in such conditions to hide or change the appearance of the shelter **10**. The exterior layer **32** can also add to or enhance a camouflage pattern printed on the cover **14**. For example, the exterior layer **32** might include a plurality of threads, slits, cutouts, or loosely attached portions that can form a Ghillie camouflage pattern or any other three-dimensional camouflage pattern. Any three-dimensional pattern on the shelter assembly **10** can be formed from an integrated assembly or be formed by a user through one or more assembly steps.

In some examples, the exterior layer **32** can additionally or alternatively be configured to provide weather resistance qualities like waterproofing or windproofing such that the shelter **10** can be employed to protect the user from such weather conditions. In such examples, the exterior layer **32**, or components thereof, water-repelling properties to can assist in avoiding water retention issues, which may lead to increased weight, as well as avoiding mildew or decomposition issues, which may lead to degradation or rot of the shelter assembly **10**.

In examples in which the exterior layer **32** includes Ghillie camouflage pattern, the Ghillie fabric may include a face of protruding yarns **34** that are sewn to a base fabric. The base fabric may be any practicable material, such as a polyester-based material, or any other practicable material having at least some hydrophobic properties. The yarn **34** may be attached to the fabric in a predefined or randomized pattern. A user may attach objects to the exterior layer **32**, or the strands of the yarn **34**, once the exterior layer **32** is

secured to the shelter **10**. Example objects that may be attached to the shelter **10** include, for example, branches, leaves, and/or grass. The objects may be held in a place by the protruding yarns **34**, any other feature of the exterior layer **32**, and/or the cover **14**. In various examples, the exterior layer **32** may be used to cover different portions of the shelter **10**. In the example illustrated in FIGS. **1A-2**, the exterior layer **32** is used to cover a portion of the roof panel(s) **18** and side walls **16**. In some examples, the exterior layer **32** may be sized to extend completely over at least one of the side walls **16** of the shelter **10**. Additionally or alternatively, in some configurations, the exterior layer **32** may cover substantial portions of an outer surface of the shelter **10** such as, for example, the entire roof panel(s) **18** and at least half of one or more side walls **16**, or substantially all of a periphery of the shelter **10** defined by the side walls **16** and at least portions of the roof panel(s) **18**.

Referring to FIG. **4**, a method **50** of camouflaging a ground blind is illustrated according to some examples. At step **52**, the cover **14** may be disposed over the frame **12**. Next, at step **54**, an adhesive may be applied to the cover **14**. The adhesive may be any material, assembly, or compound that allows for further attachment of objects thereto. At step **56**, the exterior layer **32** may be positioned on and retained by the adhesive. In various examples, the exterior layer **32** may be a loose material that is composed of manufactured products, such as thread or fabric, and/or environmentally produced products, such as leaves, grass, sticks, and so on.

One or more flaps may be utilized to cover the window. For example, as illustrated in FIG. **5**, flaps **24** may be made from a similar material to that of the cover **14** and/or the exterior layer **32**. Or, in some instances, the one or more flaps **24** may be formed of a varied material from that of the cover **14** or exterior layer **32**. In some examples, the flaps **24** and at least a portion of the cover **14** include an exterior layer **32** having a common camouflage pattern thereon. For example, the exterior layer **32**, which may include a Ghillie camouflage pattern, may be disposed on and/or form one or more of the flaps **24**. In some examples, a fastening assembly **36** can be used for attaching first and second flaps **24***a*, **24***b* to various lateral and/or vertical sides of the window **22** on an interior surface of the cover **14**. The flaps **24** may additionally or alternatively be attached to an exterior surface of the cover **14** and/or the exterior layer **32**. In various examples, the fastening assembly **36** may operably and/or removably couple the first or second flap **24***a*, **24***b* to the cover **14** (or the exterior layer **32**) through any known fastening assembly **36**, such as a thread, a yarn, an adhesive, a zipper, a hook and loop fastener, a magnet, a snap, and/or other fastening assemblies. In some instances, the fastening assembly **36** may removably couple the first and second flaps **24***a*, **24***b* to the cover **14** through a first section on the first and second flaps **24***a*, **24***b* and a second section on the cover **14**. For example, the first section may include a magnet and the second section may include a ferromagnetic material that is attracted to the magnet. The magnet may be in either the first and/or second section. Similarly, the first or second section may include a hook and the other of the first or second section may include a loop for attaching to one another. Each of the flaps **24** may be cantilevered over at least a portion of an opening of the window **22** to provide privacy and/or prevent rain, dust and the like from entering the shelter **10** through the window **22**.

In some examples, a retaining device **38**, such as, clips, brackets, buckles, hooks, cords, loops, buttons, snaps **40**, straps, or other features, may be positioned on the flaps **24** and/or the cover **14** for maintaining the flaps **24** in an open and/or closed position. For example, as illustrated in FIG. **5**, the first and second flaps **24***a*, **24***b* may overlap in the closed position. The retaining device **38** may include a first portion **42** having one or more snaps **40** positioned on the first flap **24***a* and a second portion **44** having one or more snaps **40** on the second flap **24***b* for maintaining the first flap **24***a* in a substantially fixed relationship relative to the second flap **24***a*. The snaps **40** positioned on the first and second flaps **24***a*, **24***b* may be vertically aligned to further retain the flaps **24***a*, **24***b* in contact with one another. Additionally or alternatively, the retaining device **38** may include a third portion having one or more snaps **40** positioned on the cover **14**. The snaps **40** on the flaps **24***a*, **24***b* may releasably couple with the snaps **40** on the cover **14** to maintain the flaps **24***a*, **24***b* in an open position. In some examples, the first portion **42** of the retaining device **38** is configured to couple with the second portion **44** to place the first flap **24***a* in a closed position and with the third portion to place the first flap **24***a* in an open position.

Referring still to FIG. **5**, in some examples, the flaps **24** may include an elongated member **46** that may be bent along with the flaps **24** and retain a nonlinear shape without returning to its original position shown by after an external pressure is removed. The elongated member **46** may retain the flaps **24** in various open positions or in a closed position while one or more of the flaps **24** is unattached from the retaining device **38**. In some examples, the elongated member **46** may be configured as a flexible wire-type material (e.g., copper wire) in one or more hems **48** of the flaps **24** to allow for adjustment in the size and shape of the window **22** that is uninhibited by the flaps **24**. For example, as illustrated in FIG. **5**, the elongated member **46** is disposed along a top portion, a side portion, and a bottom portion of each of the first and second flaps **24***a*, **24***b*. By including elongated member **46** along more than one side and in varying directions, may increase the flaps **24** strength against inadvertent external forces such as, but not limited to, vibration or air flow that may otherwise act to change the position of the flaps **24** from its desired position.

The elongated member **46** coupled with the flaps **24** can be composed of any material that is flexible enough to achieve the nonlinear position desired for the position of the flaps **24**, and has the physical properties allowing the flaps **24** to retain a nonlinear position. Some illustrative and non-limiting examples of possible materials are copper or aluminum wires, bands, or strips. Other possibilities include metal or non-metal wires, bands, or strips that have the proper physical characteristics to flex and retain the position of the flaps **24**. Further, different combinations of quantities and positions of the elongated members **46** can be used. Varying the location of, the distance between, the percentage of, and the length of the elongated member(s) **46** along the length of the various portions of the flaps **24** will allow many alternative retention strengths and ability to position the flaps **24**. There is an infinite number of combinations and positions of the flexible elongated member(s) **46** in the flaps **24**. The combination of quantity and position of the flexible elongated member(s) **46** appropriate for the desired application will depend on the design characteristics of the flaps **24**, such as degree of bend desired, strength of bend desired, etc. Generally, the more elongated member(s) **46** used, the greater length of the elongated member **46** inserted or embedded, and the closer the elongated member **46** spacing is, the stronger the position retention of the flap **24** may be. In addition, the elongated member(s) **46** may additionally or alternatively be positioned within an interior and/or and exterior portion of the shelter assembly **10** that surrounds the

window **22**. Moreover, the shelter assembly **10** can include any number of windows that may include any type of elongated member and each window may include as many flaps as desired. For example, the shelter assembly **10**, or each window **22**, may include 0-6 flaps **24**, or more, without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

In operation, the flaps **24** may be moved from a closed position to an open position thereby increasing a hunter's visibility outwards from the shelter **10**. The flaps **24** may be maintained in the open position by the retaining devices **38** and/or the elongated member **46**. In some instances, an arrow, bullet or other projectile may be fired from within the enclosure through the window **22**, whereby the projectile punctures the window **22** and/or the one or more flaps **24**, which may be readily puncturable by a projectile. Furthermore, because the flaps **24** can be manufactured of inexpensive and disposable materials, after a flap **24** has been penetrated by a projectile or worn for any reason, it may be easily removed by separating the flap **24** from the cover **14** and coupling a new or undamaged flap **24** to the cover **14** in place of the removed flap **24**. By removably coupling the flaps **24** to the cover **14**, the replacement of a punctured flap **24** may be done quickly, without the need for any tools, and without significant expense. In some embodiments, the shelter **10** may include multiple sets of flaps **24**, to provide readily available replacement flaps **24**. In some embodiments, a second set of flaps **24** may have a different camouflage pattern from a first set of flaps **24**, enabling a user to alter the appearance of the shelter **10**, such as when the shelter **10** is moved from one environment to a different environment. It will also be recognized that the door **20** and/or any other component of the shelter **10** may include any feature described herein without departing from the scope of the present disclosure. For example, the door **20** may include the fastening assembly **36**, the retaining device **38** and/or the elongated member **46**.

The collapsible shelter of the present disclosure may offer a variety of advantages. For instance, use of the collapsible shelter provided herein may allow for each of the legs of the frame to be vertically adjusted based on the terrain in which the shelter is used. A cover may be disposed over the frame and include an exterior layer thereon. The exterior layer and/or the cover may include a camouflage pattern thereon, which may be three-dimensional. The exterior layer may be removably attached to the cover such that various exterior layers may be used based on the environment surrounding the shelter. The cover may also define one or more windows. One or more flaps may be removably coupled with the cover and at least partially preclude visibility through the window. The flaps may include a retaining device, which may be in the form of a plurality of snaps, to retain the flaps in an engaged position relative to one another and/or relative the cover. One or more of snaps may be configured as a two-way snap that engages another flap in a closed position and the cover in the open position on two opposing sides of the two-way snap. Moreover, an elongated member may be disposed within the flap for retaining the flap in various, bent positions. The shelter may include any or all of these features while still being manufactured at costs that are less than other shelters available on the market.

It will be understood by one having ordinary skill in the art that construction of the described invention and other components is not limited to any specific material. Other examples of the invention disclosed herein may be formed from a wide variety of materials unless described otherwise herein.

For purposes of this disclosure, the term "coupled" (in all of its forms: couple, coupling, coupled, etc.) generally means the joining of two components (electrical or mechanical) directly or indirectly to one another. Such joining may be stationary in nature or movable in nature. Such joining may be achieved with the two components (electrical or mechanical) and any additional intermediate members being integrally formed as a single unitary body with one another or with the two components. Such joining may be permanent in nature or may be removable or releasable in nature unless otherwise stated.

Furthermore, any arrangement of components to achieve the same functionality is effectively "associated" such that the desired functionality is achieved. Hence, any two components herein combined to achieve a particular functionality can be seen as "associated with" each other such that the desired functionality is achieved, irrespective of architectures or intermedial components. Likewise, any two components so associated can also be viewed as being "operably connected" or "operably coupled" to each other to achieve the desired functionality, and any two components capable of being so associated can also be viewed as being "operably couplable" to each other to achieve the desired functionality. Some examples of operably couplable include, but are not limited to, physically mateable and/or physically interacting components and/or wirelessly interactable and/or wirelessly interacting components and/or logically interacting and/or logically interactable components.

It is also important to note that the construction and arrangement of the elements of the examples as shown is illustrative only. Although only a few examples of the present innovations have been described in detail in this disclosure, those skilled in the art who review this disclosure will readily appreciate that many modifications are possible (e.g., variations in sizes, dimensions, structures, shapes and proportions of the various elements, values of parameters, mounting arrangements, use of materials, colors, orientations, etc.) without materially departing from the novel teachings and advantages of the subject matter recited. For example, elements shown as integrally formed may be constructed of multiple parts or elements shown as multiple parts may be integrally formed, the operation of the interfaces may be reversed or otherwise varied, the length or width of the structures and/or members or connectors or other elements of the system may be varied, the nature or number of adjustment positions provided between the elements may be varied. It should be noted that the elements and/or assemblies of the system might be constructed from any of a wide variety of materials that provide sufficient strength or durability, in any of a wide variety of colors, textures, and combinations. Accordingly, all such modifications are intended to be included within the scope of the present innovations. Other substitutions, modifications, changes, and omissions may be made in the design, operating conditions, and arrangement of the desired and other exemplary examples without departing from the spirit of the present innovations.

It will be understood that any described processes or steps within described processes may be combined with other disclosed processes or steps to form structures within the scope of the present invention. The exemplary structures and processes disclosed herein are for illustrative purposes and are not to be construed as limiting.

It is also to be understood that variations and modifications can be made on the aforementioned structures and methods without departing from the concepts of the present invention, and further it is to be understood that such

concepts are intended to be covered by the following claims unless these claims by their language expressly state otherwise.

What is claimed is:

1. A collapsible shelter comprising:

a frame;

a cover disposed over the frame and defining a window;

first and second flaps each operably coupled with the cover and configured to extend over separate portions of the window;

a retaining device having a first portion disposed on the first flap and a second portion disposed on the second flap, the first and second portions configured to engage one another; and

an elongated member disposed within the first and second flaps and configured to retain the first and second flaps in a non-linear position;

wherein the retaining device further includes a third portion operably coupled with the cover;

wherein the first portion of the retaining device includes a two-way snap configured to couple with the second and third portions on opposing sides thereof.

2. The collapsible shelter of claim **1**, further comprising:

a fastening assembly coupling each of the first and second flaps to the cover on an opposing side of each respective flap from the first and second portions of the retaining device.

3. The collapsible shelter of claim **2**, wherein the fastening assembly couples each of the first and second flaps to opposing sides of the window.

4. The collapsible shelter of claim **2**, wherein the fastening assembly couples each of the first and second flaps to an interior surface of the cover.

5. The collapsible shelter of claim **1**, wherein the first portion of the retaining device is configured to couple with the second portion to place the first flap in a closed position and with the third portion to place the first flap in an open position.

6. The collapsible shelter of claim **1**, wherein the elongated member is configured as a wire disposed within a hem of the first or second flap.

7. A collapsible shelter comprising:

a cover disposed over a frame, the cover defining a window;

a first flap operably coupled with the cover through a fastening assembly;

a retaining device configured to maintain the first flap in respective open and closed positions; and

a bendable, elongated member disposed within the first flap and configured to retain the first flap in a substantially defined position;

wherein the fastening assembly is configured as a magnet, wherein a first section of the magnet is disposed within the first flap and a second section is secured on the cover.

8. The collapsible shelter of claim **7**, further comprising:

an exterior layer disposed on the first flap and having a camouflage pattern thereon.

9. The collapsible shelter of claim **7**, further comprising:

an exterior layer disposed on the cover and including a Ghillie pattern.

10. The collapsible shelter of claim **7**, wherein the frame includes one or more vertically adjustable legs.

11. The collapsible shelter of claim **7**, further comprising

a second flap, wherein the first flap covers a first portion of the window and the second flap covers a second, different portion of the window.

12. The collapsible shelter of claim **7**, wherein the first flap and at least a portion of the cover include an exterior layer having a common camouflage pattern thereon.

13. A shelter comprising:

a cover disposed over a frame, the cover defining a window;

first and second flaps operably coupled with the cover through a fastening assembly; and

a bendable, elongated member disposed within the first and second flaps and configured to retain the first and second flaps in a substantially defined position;

wherein the fastening assembly is configured as a magnet, wherein a first section of the magnet is disposed within the first flap and a second section is secured on the cover.

14. The shelter of claim **13**, further comprising:

a retaining device configured to maintain the first and second flaps in respective open and closed positions.

15. The shelter of claim **13**, wherein the frame includes one or more vertically adjustable legs and one or more cross beams that interconnect the legs.

16. The shelter of claim **13**, further comprising:

an exterior layer disposed on the cover and including a Ghillie pattern.

17. The shelter of claim **13**, wherein the fastening assembly removably couples the first and second flaps to the cover through a first section on the first and second flaps and a second section on the cover.

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